

## LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

1. (currently amended) A vehicle steering wheel [(1)] comprising  
a rim [(2)], a signal cap (3) ~~and~~ inside the rim  
two upper ~~and two lower~~ spokes [(4, 5)] extending between the rim [(2)] and the  
signal cap [(3)], the upper spokes [(4)] extending along ~~the~~ a horizontal symmetry axis  
(H-H) of the steering wheel [(1)] towards ~~its centre~~ a center of the wheel, **characterized in**  
**that**,  
two lower spokes also extending between the signal cap and the rim, the lower spokes  
having an upper edge;  
the two lower spokes [(5)] are shaped and positioned to be graspable by a normal man's  
hand, ~~that~~ the lower spokes [(5)] extend from positions around the rim [(2)] so that points  
P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub> that are in line with the upper edge of the respective lower spokes [(5)] on the outer  
surface of the rim are located between 30° and 60° below the horizontal symmetry axis [(H-H)]  
on either side of the vertical symmetry axis [(V-V)] of the steering wheel [(1)], and ~~that~~  
the upper edge of the lower spokes (5), ~~which~~ is in line with the respective points P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub> ~~form~~  
and forms an angle ( $\beta$ ) of between 62° and 82° with the vertical symmetry axis (V-V) of the  
steering wheel, [(1)] and ~~in that~~  
a multifunctional switch module (6) ~~with thumb-operated~~ including control buttons [(7)]  
operable for remote actuation of ~~specific~~ vehicle functions, the module is located ~~symmetrically~~  
between the two lower spokes [(5)] beneath the signal cap [(3)], ~~wherein~~ whereby the driver  
can operate the module while grasping the lower spokes.
2. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim 1, **characterized in that**  
wherein the two points P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub> are situated 40° below the horizontal symmetry axis (H-H) on  
either side of the vertical symmetry axis [(V-V)] of the steering wheel [(1)].

3. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim ~~[[1 or]]~~ 2, **characterized in that** wherein the angle ( $\beta$ ) from the vertical symmetry axis ~~[[V-V]]~~ of the steering wheel to the respective points  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$  ~~[[1]]~~ are between  $67^\circ$  and  $77^\circ$ .

4. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim 3, **characterized in that** wherein the angle ( $\beta$ ) is  $72^\circ$ .

5. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to ~~any of claims 1 - 4~~ claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the lower spokes ~~[[5]]~~ are separated from the upper spokes ~~[[4]]~~ by spaces ~~(8) for receiving~~ shaped to be able to receive a driver's elbows.

6. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to ~~any of claims 1 - 5~~ claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein a width ~~[[X]]~~ of the graspable part of the upper edge of the lower spokes is between 65 mm and 105 mm.

7. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim 6, **characterized in that** wherein the width ~~[[X]]~~ of the graspable part of the upper edge of the lower spokes is approximately 85 mm.

8. (new) The steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein the module is located symmetrically between the two lower spokes.